

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1137

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mrs. Margaret Jewel Russell Padgett of Greeneville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Mrs. Margaret Jewel Russell Padgett; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Jewel Padgett was an exemplary citizen of her community and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, prior to her retirement, Mrs. Padgett served with acumen as a legal secretary for the firm of Wilson, Worley and Gamble, and as Secretary of Hal Henard School in the Greeneville School System, in which position she earned the respect of her peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Jewel Padgett was an active and devout member of the First Baptist Church of Greeneville, where she served faithfully for many years as a Sunday School teacher and in other capacities; she previously sang in the choir of the Calvary Baptist Church in Kingsport; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Padgett was the daughter of the late Dewey and Velma Tunnell Russell and was preceded in death by her brother, Joseph, and her granddaughter, Catherine

Elizabeth Seaton; she was deeply devoted to her family, and always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Jewel Padgett enjoyed the loving companionship of Sam L. Padgett and was the proud parent of Marty Jane, wife of John Seaton, and Samantha Lee, wife of Wayne Bruce; she will also be profoundly missed by her grandchildren, Mahala Jane Seaton, Gabriel Douglas Seaton, and Erin Jewel Bruce, her sister and brother-in-law, Edith and David Overbey, her brother and sister-in-law, Don and Helen Russell, her sister-in-law, Bobbie Russell, widow of the late Joseph Russell, several nieces and nephews, and a host of friends; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Padgett had a number of passions, including automobiles, Elvis Presley, Robert Goulet, playing music and singing, the color blue, and travel; while these activities gave her pleasure, they were second to her devotion to her husband, children, and the rest of her family; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Jewel Padgett touched the lives of the children, parents, teachers, and administrators of Hal Henard School, in addition to her countless friends from Church and her work; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Padgett leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Margaret Jewel Russell Padgett, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Padgett.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.